

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully considered in light of the Final Office Action of December 14, 2004. As a result, minor amendments have been made to the claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 9-11, 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious and therefore unpatentable over US Patent 5,106,044 to Regard when considered in view of the teachings of US Patent 5,584,282 to McDonald.

Claims 2-8 and 12-18 are only objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the indicated allowability of claims 2 and 12, the subject matter of these claims have been incorporated into claims 1 and 11, respectively. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 11 should now be in condition for formal allowance. The remain claims depend from amended claims 1 and 11 and should be allowable for the same reasons as well as the additional structure defined by each.

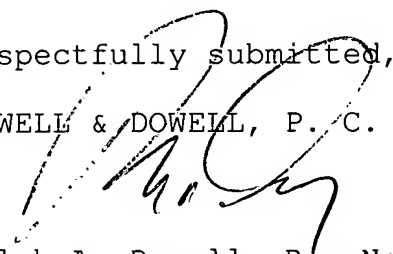
In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of claims 1, 3-11 and 13-20 is respectfully requested and allowance of the

application solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the amendment submitted herewith or the allowability of the claims with respect to the prior art, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney-of-record at the telephone number shown below. It is requested that this amendment after Final be entered as placing the application in condition for formal allowance,

Respectfully submitted,

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